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Lois, do, you know when the Mental Health Centers will be presenting their wants and desires?

On 1/19/11 The Lamplighter House Program Manager, The APRN Nurse, and My Case Manager had a talk with me that I don't know anything about what I have observed for over 20 years since August 1990.

Because of confidentiality, the Dr's, RN's and staff can not tell me of their illness. I have asked personally the consumers; how did they become schizophrenia. I have receive the same answer. It is the first puff of marijuana. For the past 15 years. I am a bi-polar or manic depressive. Again the psychiatrist are trying to hide the real mental illness system.

They are trying to tell me that I don't know about **debilitating and decompensating.** All they need do is to teach me about this, is have classes that explain these two big words.

The Dr' RN's and Staff in the Day Treatment and PACT Team say that **they use Client Centered Goals**. Then why, do the consumes PLAY from 9 AM to 3 PM. **They do not have any realistic goals**. They are now Social Security. My SSI check will come in forever. They do not want to learn about their Mental Illness in the NAMI-Flathead or The Local Advisory Council on Mental Health. They say I am not interested, nobody is going to get me to do anything I don't want too. The Day Treatment staff and the PACT Team Staff also are not encouraging their clients to come to the LLH either. The PACT Team case managers go out to the apartments, homes, and give them their medicine but don't bring them back to the LLH. It is a boring place. Their is no incentive to come in.

Their is no positive atmosphere from 9 AM to 3 PM to get the consumers to come in. It is just Tuesday and Friday, when they get their weekly spending money after 2 PM

I met my wife at the LLH in 1994. We had a wonderful wedding on June 30, 2001 at the Salvation Army. In 2 Corinthians 13:1, states that to establish a Truth, it takes 2 people to say the same thing.

Because of my wife, mental illness, is schizophrenia, no voices, **The mental health system** has separated us for 3 years. Linda is in Lone Pine Group Home. In June and July of 2010, Linda wanted to write letters, cards and visit the other consumers at the Lamplighter House. She could not find anybody to help her visit and talk either at the Group Home or at the LLH. Dr. Drury only said "don't ask the consumers to help you. They may permanently not talk to you again." In the first part of July, they sent her to Montana State Hospital.

She was there or 3 months. Linda did get good help and they just about were going to extend he stay for another 6 months. Her Dr. Carlson felt that Linda was doing much better and taking her medicine so they released her on a Conditional Release from MSH in September. Her Medicare cost was \$50,000. The CR from MSH means that if you don't take your medicine, it gives the LLH the right to send you right back to MSH.

On 12/13/2010, Dr. Noel Drury, Shirley Howell, Program Manager, Group Home Manager, and

Linda's Case Manager; were in the Conference room at noon. Linda's health had worsened from returning from MSH. Linda had gone to the ER room at KRMC 2 times, and Dr.Noel Drury said if you don't take care of your health better, I will send you to a nursing home, not to your own home with your husband.where she could be under the PACT program, which delivers medicines AM and PM.

I graduated from the U of M in Physical Science, Mathematics and Business Administration in 1961

I was a 7th Grade Mathematics Teacher for 2 1/2 years in Lacey, WA

In, 1970 I became a Presidential District Governor of District 32 in Tacoma, WA

In 1972, I had Electric Shock Treatment in Sacreheart Hospital, Spokane which lasted 4 years, without pills.

In 1973, I past the Real Estate salesman exam Montana

In 1975, I was the City Manager of H & Block Offices in Great Falls and surrounding area In 1976, I got married for 1 and 1/2 years

After 17 years of commissioned sales, or in 1990 I got back on SS under reconsideration In 1991, I started a Manic Depressive Support Group which grew to 50 members in 2 years In 1993, I became President of the NAMI-Flathead organization for many years

In 1999, I became involved with the building committee of the New Hospital for \$26 Million In 2000, I became involved as a board of directors for the Mental Health of Montana for 5 years.

In 2000, I became involved in the Western Service Area Authority for 3 years

In 2004, I was appointed by the Director of the DPHHS for 6 years to Mental Health Oversight Advisory Counsel

In 2006, Senator Bob Keenan gave me a an Award for Outstanding Service to the MHOAC In 2004, I received the 2004 the Lifetime Achievement Award, for leaders with disabilities, State Wide

In 2004, I was President for the NAMI---Flathead for 9 years.

In 2004, I was Chairman for the Local Advisory Counsel on Mental Health for 7 years.

In 2008, I taught 8 consumers how to become self confident and develop leadership qualities and they overcame stigma

In 2011, I am just a member but on the Executive Board of both organizations

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